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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Application of:

Mehran Bashiri, Michael Davis

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For:

HYBRID BALLOON EXPANDABLE/SELF-EXPANDING STENT

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Commissioner for Patents

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Docket No: S63.2B-9867-US01

Petitioners, SciMed Life Systems, Inc., hereby request a two month extension of

PETITION FOR AN EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR §1.136

time to respond to the Office Action mailed December 18, 2003. Please charge the petition fee of \$420.00 as set forth in 37 CFR §1.17 and any outstanding fee for extension to our Deposit

Account, No. 22-0350.

Respectfully submitted,

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